INTERCITY BUS & RAIL | CALL-A-RIDE

Amtrak Empire Builder 1-800-872-7245

Greyhound Lines 1-800-231-2222

Powder River Trailways 1-800-442-3682

Rimrock Trailways 1-800-255-7655

CITY BUS

GREAT FALLS TRANSIT Great Falls & Black Eagle 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.** 1-406-727-0382

MET TRANSIT Billings 6:10 a.m.-6:45 p.m.** (406) 657-8218

MOUNTAIN LINE TRANSIT Missoula 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.** 1-406-721-3333

THE BUS Butte 6:45 a.m.-6:15 p.m. 1-406-497-6515 Route Time Information 1-406-497-6522

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BLACKFEET TRANSIT Browning* 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 1-406-338-5604

CENTRAL MONTANA SHUTTLE Lewistown* 8:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

1-406-538-7486

DAWSON COUNTY URBAN TRANSPORTATION Glendive

7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

1-406-377-5024

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VALLEY COUNTY TRANSIT Glasgow* 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** 1-406-228-8747(TRIP)

BITTERROOT BUS Hamilton* 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 1-406-363-7484

*Limited out-of-town service available

**Saturday service available



Montana Department of Transportation 1-800-714-7296

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Guide to **Public Transportation** in Montana



Montana **Department of Transportation** There are many ways to get around in Montana without a personal vehicle. Whether your car is in the shop, you prefer to let someone else drive, or you want to conserve energy and reduce air pollution, there are inexpensive transportation alternatives available.

Public transportation in Montana comes in many forms. You can take a train, ride the bus, or catch a transit van. Public transportation is a great way to get to work, go shopping, run errands, visit family and friends, or even take a vacation.

Whether you are a Montana native, a visitor enjoying our beautiful state and its many natural wonders, a veteran user of public transportation, or a first-time passenger, this quide will provide valuable information about public transportation opportunities in **MONTANA**.





City Bus Service

Bus service that makes stops along designated routes on regular schedules is a service that works best in larger cities. Billings, Great Falls, Missoula, as well as Butte and Kalispell offer this service. Look for bus stops that are clearly marked with signs. Phone numbers and service hours for these systems are listed on the back of this quide.

Call-a-Ride Service

A number of smaller rural communities also provide bus or van service. They provide door-to-door service — you will be picked up and dropped off at your destination. Some systems even provide limited services between different communities within a county or to a nearby large city.

Most of these systems require that you call on the day before your trip to make an appointment. However, once you have planned and scheduled your trip, they are easy to use.

For additional information, call the system in your area. The list on the back of this guide identifies the rural communities that offer this service and provides phone numbers and service hours for all systems.

Taxi Service

Most large cities have taxi companies which offer doorto-door service — usually 24 hours a day. Look under taxicabs in the yellow pages of your local phone book for your options.

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Elderly & Disabled Service

Many Montana communities offer transit services for the elderly and people with disabilities. They provide door-to-door transportation for trips to work, medical visits, shopping, and other purposes. However, you must call in advance to make a reservation.

Call your local social service agency or the Montana Department of Transportation at 1-800-714-7296 to learn about these services in your community.

Fares

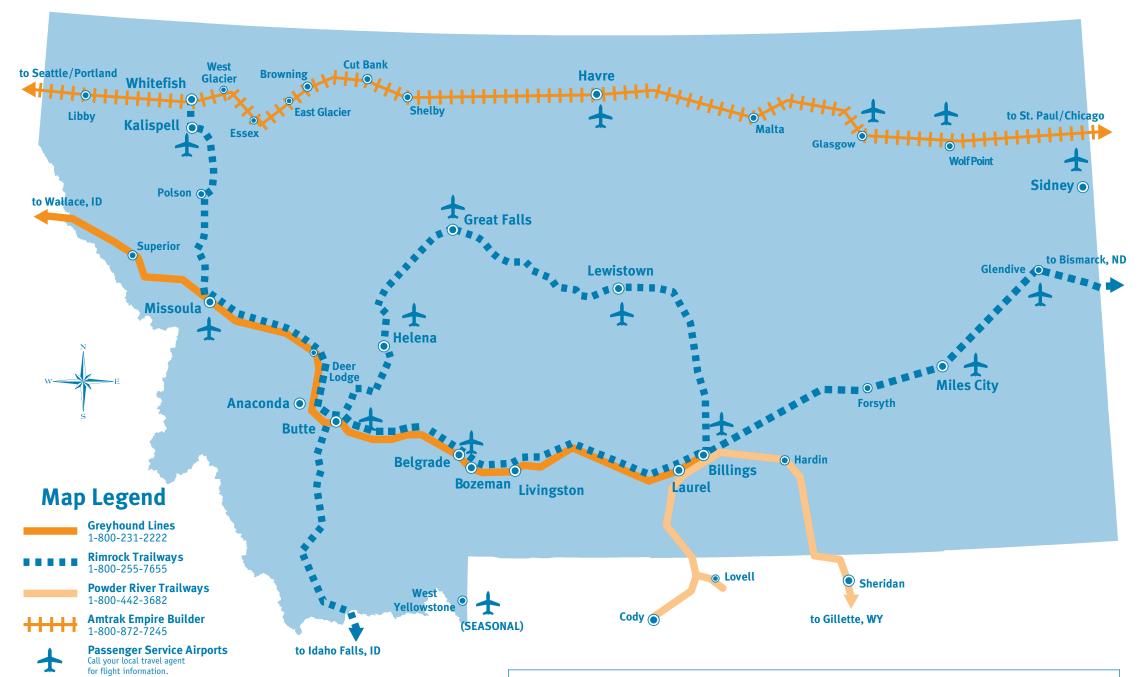
Fares for all public transportation services in Montana are reasonable. Most offer special rates for children, the elderly, or those with limited means. Some systems may have ticket booklets that can save you money. Be sure to ask about different options when you call your local operator to make arrangements for a ride.

As you prepare for your trip, make sure you have the correct fare because the driver may not be allowed to provide change.

Intercity Passenger Services

There are three types of intercity passenger service in Montana — bus, rail, and air. Currently, three private bus companies provide scheduled service between cities in Montana — Greyhound, Rimrock Trailways, and Powder River Trailways. They serve communities along major highways and connect to all larger cities in the state as well as to destinations outside Montana. Amtrak provides cross-state passenger service in the northern part of the state on its Seattle-Chicago Empire Builder route. In addition, 15 airports with regular passenger service provide access to national and international flights. Check the map for intercity routes, their providers, and phone numbers.

INTERCITY PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION IN MONTANA



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